

SYSTEMWIDE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Below is a list of facilities that may or may not exist in the North Carolina State Parks System. Which ones would you be likely to use? Check one answer for each facility.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>I would use</u>	<u>I might use</u>	<u>I would not use</u>
1.	Back-country campsite (walk-in)	<u>40.3%</u>	<u>34.3%</u>	<u>25.5%</u>
2.	Tent/ trailer campsite without hookups	<u>42.0%</u>	<u>29.2%</u>	<u>28.8%</u>
3.	RV / trailer campsite with hookups	<u>20.4%</u>	<u>30.3%</u>	<u>49.3%</u>
4.	Simple cabin (enclosed living space)	<u>39.9%</u>	<u>45.1%</u>	<u>15.0%</u>
5.	Cabin with kitchen, heat, and restroom	<u>50.2%</u>	<u>36.2%</u>	<u>13.6%</u>
6.	Picnic table with grill	<u>77.8%</u>	<u>20.4%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
7.	Picnic shelter	<u>72.1%</u>	<u>25.6%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>
8.	Hiking trail	<u>80.6%</u>	<u>16.1%</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
9.	Horse trail	<u>11.4%</u>	<u>23.7%</u>	<u>64.9%</u>
10.	Mountain bike trail	<u>20.1%</u>	<u>23.0%</u>	<u>56.5%</u>
11.	Off-highway vehicle area	<u>13.7%</u>	<u>19.0%</u>	<u>67.3%</u>
12.	Swimming area	<u>50.2%</u>	<u>36.7%</u>	<u>13.0%</u>
13.	Beach	<u>54.7%</u>	<u>33.0%</u>	<u>11.8%</u>
14.	Playground	<u>27.4%</u>	<u>34.4%</u>	<u>38.2%</u>
15.	Boat ramp / dock	<u>40.0%</u>	<u>36.2%</u>	<u>23.8%</u>
16.	Marina	<u>25.1%</u>	<u>30.0%</u>	<u>44.9%</u>
17.	Fishing pier	<u>39.2%</u>	<u>40.6%</u>	<u>20.3%</u>
18.	Museum / educational exhibit	<u>79.3%</u>	<u>18.4%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>
19.	Open play area	<u>35.2%</u>	<u>41.0%</u>	<u>23.8%</u>
20.	Nature trails	<u>83.5%</u>	<u>13.6%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>

<u>Number</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>I would use</u>	<u>I might use</u>	<u>I would not use</u>
21.	Museum / educational exhibit	<u>79.3%</u>	<u>18.4%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>
22.	Open play area	<u>35.2%</u>	<u>41.0%</u>	<u>23.8%</u>
23.	Nature trails	<u>83.5%</u>	<u>13.6%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>
24.	Observation decks	<u>81.1%</u>	<u>17.5%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
25.	Back-country sites (accessible by bike, horseback, or ATV)	<u>27.7%</u>	<u>26.2%</u>	<u>46.0%</u>
26.	Group campsites	<u>27.6%</u>	<u>48.8%</u>	<u>23.6%</u>
27.	Canoe trails and access areas	<u>60.6%</u>	<u>25.1%</u>	<u>14.3%</u>

Review the list of facilities above. Choose the five facilities that you want most in the North Carolina State Parks System. Use the numbers beside the facilities to list your top five in priority order using the spaces provided below.

Your Priorities	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Facility Number	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>

The following is a list of statements describing various opinions about the North Carolina State Parks System. We would like to know to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Statement</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
1.	It's important to protect North Carolina's unique natural resources.	<u>91.2%</u>	<u>8.8%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
2.	Finishing land acquisition and construction plans at existing parks should take priority over adding new parks.	<u>31.8%</u>	<u>43.1%</u>	<u>23.2%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
3.	Add new parks to protect important natural resources.	<u>54.3%</u>	<u>42.4%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
4.	Add new parks to provide additional recreational opportunities.	<u>21.5%</u>	<u>58.4%</u>	<u>18.7%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
5.	Fees should be kept at a minimum to serve all members of the public.	<u>38.9%</u>	<u>54.2%</u>	<u>6.0%</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
6.	Use tax revenues to increase state park funding.	<u>54.9%</u>	<u>42.3%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
7.	Repairing and maintaining existing facilities should take priority over building new facilities.	<u>40.8%</u>	<u>47.9%</u>	<u>11.4%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
8.	Provide more information about each park with exhibits at visitor centers or museums.	<u>32.9%</u>	<u>62.5%</u>	<u>4.6%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
9.	Provide more information about each park with brochures and maps.	<u>36.9%</u>	<u>59.3%</u>	<u>3.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
10.	Increase staffing to improve the interpretation and education opportunities for visitors.	<u>37.3%</u>	<u>49.1%</u>	<u>13.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
11.	Increase staffing to improve maintenance and cleanliness.	<u>35.2%</u>	<u>57.3%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
12.	Increase staffing to improve natural resource protection.	<u>49.8%</u>	<u>43.1%</u>	<u>7.2%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
13.	Promote the value of the state parks system.	<u>56.9%</u>	<u>41.7%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
14.	Provide more recreational activities for visitors.	<u>18.1%</u>	<u>53.9%</u>	<u>26.0%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
15.	Use volunteers to improve visitor services and help park employees.	<u>46.7%</u>	<u>51.4%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
16.	Increase staffing of all types	<u>27.1%</u>	<u>48.9%</u>	<u>23.4%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
17.	Ranger pay equity with other NC law enforcement officers	<u>62.5%</u>	<u>32.0%</u>	<u>4.5%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
18.	Increase operating expenditures to the Southeast US average of \$6.18	<u>57.4%</u>	<u>40.3%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
19.	Close parks later during the summer	<u>26.0%</u>	<u>56.1%</u>	<u>15.8%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>

<u>Number</u>	<u>Statement</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
20.	Develop an annual visitor pass	<u>32.8%</u>	<u>46.7%</u>	<u>18.5%</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
21.	Increase protection of endangered or threatened species instead of increasing recreational opportunities	<u>41.5%</u>	<u>39.5%</u>	<u>16.4%</u>	<u>2.6%</u>
22.	Partner with agencies or non-profit organizations with similar missions.	<u>46.3%</u>	<u>47.2%</u>	<u>6.6%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
23.	Do not allow motorized vehicles off park roads.	<u>58.0%</u>	<u>34.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
24.	Improve information available on the Internet.	<u>32.5%</u>	<u>66.0%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
25.	Increase education programs for all schools.	<u>33.5%</u>	<u>64.5%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
26.	Locate new parks equitably across the state based on geography and population.	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>48.2%</u>	<u>34.7%</u>	<u>4.1%</u>
27.	Increase park visitor awareness of park needs and deficiencies	<u>30.2%</u>	<u>59.8%</u>	<u>9.5%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
28.	Route trails away from sensitive areas.	<u>48.7%</u>	<u>46.2%</u>	<u>4.5%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
29.	Provide on-going funding to create a navigable passage way on canoe trails	<u>28.9%</u>	<u>59.3%</u>	<u>10.8%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
30.	Protect parks from exotic species	<u>45.9%</u>	<u>48.1%</u>	<u>4.4%</u>	<u>1.7%</u>
31.	Partner with universities for scientific research.	<u>46.5%</u>	<u>52.0%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
32.	Increase inventories of natural and cultural resources and then monitor those resources.	<u>42.4%</u>	<u>55.0%</u>	<u>2.6%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
33.	Park staff should be available during all visitor-use hours.	<u>37.6%</u>	<u>55.3%</u>	<u>7.1%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
34.	Implement standard designs to save construction costs.	<u>35.4%</u>	<u>43.6%</u>	<u>19.5%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
35.	Increase trail funding	<u>43.7%</u>	<u>52.1%</u>	<u>3.7%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
36.	Improve access for persons with disabilities	<u>26.3%</u>	<u>70.2%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>

Review the statements listed above. Choose the five statements that you think are the most important things that can be done to improve the North Carolina State Parks System. Use the numbers beside the statements to list your top five in priority order using the spaces provided below.

Your Priorities	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Statement Number	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>